



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced above average precipitation with more snow, especially along the I-70 corridor. Cooler temperatures accompanied the moisture restricting harvest operations for a second week. Farmers were allowed 5.3 days in the field for operations last week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	19	30	46	5
Last Week	13	28	57	2
Last Year	39	45	16	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	23	28	48	1
Last Week	17	30	52	1
Last Year	16	47	37	0

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 97 percent emerged and in mostly good to fair condition by the end of last week.

Row Crops: Corn harvest continued to 72 percent harvested, even with the snow and the reported high winds. Sorghum was 99 percent mature and 53 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Sugarbeets were 87 percent harvested, 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Sunflowers were 63 percent harvested.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 6, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum					
This Week	15	20	39	25	1
Last Year	3	5	26	49	17

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions varied across the state from very poor to good condition. Alfalfa's 4th cutting progress was reported at 93 percent complete.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated average for the State. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year with several reports of reduced hay and feed supplies due to the increase in demand and high prices. Livestock herd reductions have been reported in the southern regions of the State due to poor range and dry conditions that prevailed for most of the season.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 6, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	18	20	32	29	1
Prev. Year - 2010	2	20	45	32	1
5-Year Avg.	6	17	38	34	5

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Development Ratings for Week Ending November 6, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	100	100	99	100
Emerged	97	95	92	96
Corn				
Harvested	72	57	91	74
Sorghum				
Mature	99	95	100	99
Harvested	53	35	83	62
Sunflowers				
Harvested	63	57	83	77
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	87	70	95	85
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	93	90	97	80

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	22	66	9
Winter Wheat	3	8	39	44	6

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.